

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims:

- 1-7. (Canceled).
8. (Currently Amended) A method for starting an engine of a vehicle, comprising:
 - a checking arrangement to check, in the event of a starting command, as to whether the vehicle is stationary;
 - if the vehicle is stationary, activating at least one vehicle brake; [[and]]
 - after the activation of the vehicle brake, authorizing a starting of the engine;
 - if the vehicle is not stationary, authorizing a starting of the engine without a brake intervention; and
 - automatically starting the engine after the starting of the engine is authorized.
9. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 8, further comprising:
 - releasing the at least one vehicle brake after an engine startup.
10. (Canceled).
11. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 8, further comprising:
 - in the event a starting authorization is not present within a predefined time period following an existence of one of the starting command and a starting authorization request associated therewith, excluding an automatic start of the engine.
12. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 8, wherein the starting is authorized- only if a determination is made that a drive system of the vehicle is disengaged from the engine.
13. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 8, wherein the starting is authorized only if a determination is made that a clutch of the vehicle is actuated.

14. (Canceled).
15. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 8, further comprising:
releasing the at least one vehicle brake after an engine startup; and
automatically starting the engine after the starting of the engine is authorized.
16. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 15, wherein the starting is authorized only if a determination is made that a drive system of the vehicle is disengaged from the engine.
17. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 15, wherein the starting is authorized only if a determination is made that a clutch of the vehicle is actuated.
18. (Canceled).
19. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 8, further comprising:
releasing the at least one vehicle brake after an engine startup;
~~automatically starting the engine after the starting of the engine is authorized;~~ and
in the event a starting authorization is not present within a predefined time period following an existence of one of the starting command and a starting authorization request associated therewith, excluding an automatic start of the engine.
20. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 19, wherein the starting is authorized only if a determination is made that a drive system of the vehicle is disengaged from the engine.
21. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 19, wherein the starting is authorized only if a determination is made that a clutch of the vehicle is actuated.
22. (Canceled).